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## NEVADA CONVICT A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

### MAN WHO SHOT JOHN SILVA CHOICE OF LABOR SOCIALIST PARTY CONVENTION

**Morrie W. Preston, Serving 25 Years For Murder Nominated to Highest Office in the Gift of Nation**

A telegram received in this city this morning stated that the National convention of the Labor Socialist Party in convention in New York City on Saturday and yesterday that Morrie R. Preston, of Goldfield Nevada had been the choice of the convention for President of the United States and will head the ticket of that party at the coming presidential election.

Preston, from what has been learned was the choice of the convention on the ground that he was a martyr to the cause of the Labor-Socialist party. The announcement of the action of the socialists will be received with more than ordinary surprise when it becomes universally known that at the present time the candidate for the highest office in the gift of the people of these United States is at the present serving a sentence of 25 years for the murder of John Silva a restaurant keeper in Goldfield during the labor troubles of last year at the mining camp.

#### WHO PRESTON IS

Morrie R. Preston, is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and came to this state and located at Goldfield a couple of years ago. He was selected as an agitator by the Independent Workers of the World, the labor organization responsible for the labor troubles in the southern camp and he soon proved himself a leader with that organization.

#### HIS CRIME

During the month of March, 1907, when the disturbances of Goldfield were at their height a meeting of the I. W. W.'s was held in miners union hall there and the case of John Silva, a member of the union running a restaurant in the camp was taken up. It was alleged that Silva was running an unfair place and was not standing by his obligations to the union. It was proposed that men be stationed to patrol the restaurant and if necessary force Silva to come to the terms of the union.

Lots were drawn to see to whom the patrol would fall and Preston and Smith received the appointment.

Smith took the first watch but ac-

ording to the evidence introduced at the trial Silva refused to leave the rear of the restaurant and gave Smith no chance to talk with him on the matter.

That night after Preston had relieved Smith of the watch Silva went to the front of his place of business and was immediately approached by the union patrol. Words followed and during the argument Silva was shot down by Preston.

Both Preston and Smith were soon placed in custody and at the trial was defended by the brainiest lawyers the Western Federation of Miners could secure. The evidence introduced by the prosecution was of the kind that showed the murder to be one of an exceptionally cold blooded and premeditated kind and the verdict of the jury was guilty. Preston was found guilty of murder in the second degree and Smith, of involuntary manslaughter. The former received a sentence of ten years.

Through their attorneys, O. N. Hilton, special attorney for the Western Federation of Miners, Patsy Bowler and T. J. Hangan of Cripple Creek an appeal was made to the Supreme Court for a new trial. This appeal was opposed by Attorney General Stoddard on the ground that it was defective and the court was asked to dismiss the appeal, which it did at the same time affirming the lower court.

Since that time a petition for rehearing has been filed with the Supreme Court but as yet no action has been taken by that body.

#### COULD NOT QUALIFY

Preston could in no way qualify for the nomination for president for more reasons than one. The fact alone that he is but 26 years of age would debar him from the office not talking into consideration that he is a felon, serving time in a penal institution for the crime of murder.

What action the Labor-Socialist party intends to take in the matter, if any remains to be seen but it is doubtful if they will put themselves in such a ridiculous light as to try and carry the thing through and really place the name of this man upon their ballots.

#### WATER SHORTAGE

Owing to the continued shortness of the mountain supply, water consumers will please note the following and be governed accordingly: Street and sidewalk sprinkling is strictly prohibited. The hours of irrigating will be from 6 a. m. to 8 a. m. and from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. and no sprinkling of lawns or other irrigating will be permitted except by hose in hand. This order will be strictly enforced. Inspectors will be employed whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report any violations of this order.

The penalty of violation will be that the water on the premises will be cut off, and not turned on again until all arrearages (if any) are paid.

This notice to take effect immediately  
July 6, 1908 F. A. CUSHING  
Superintendent.

### PRESTON IS NOTIFIED

Of His Nomination by Appeal and he Voices His Pleasure

A representative of the Appeal drove to the Nevada State Prison this afternoon and spent a half hour with Preston. Not having been informed of the action taken by the convention in New York City he was shown the telegram conveying the news of his nomination, that had previously been received by the Appeal.

He showed no signs of surprise as he read the words that told of his being placed before the people of this great country as a candidate for the highest office in their gift and when asked for a statement had the following to say.

"I am not greatly surprised at the action taken in the matter by my party, in fact I was unaware they would recognize me in some way or another. I am particularly well known to the members of my party and am a socialist from the ground up.

"I have always been a defender and an expounder of the principles of the socialist party and will always continue to be.

"While I am not at liberty to make a statement covering my nomination owing to instructions from my counsel Judge O. N. Hilton at the same time I am willing that my name shall remain at the top of the ticket as the Socialist nominee for President of the United States. I recognize the honor conferred upon me by my party and am proud of it. On the other hand if Mr. Hilton desires that I withdraw from the nomination I will ask that my name be taken from the ticket and some other substituted.

"The vote of my party stands for the principals of socialism irrespective of party and when the final count comes after the fall elections it will be seen that the number of followers of this great cause have greatly increased since the last election.

"I have not been officially notified of my nomination by the convention in New York, but will probably receive it in due time. At the present time, as I stated before, I am powerless to make any decisive statement owing to instructions from my attorney but later on I may have something to say in the matter."

Preston is an exceptionally fine looking young man with clear blue eyes and light brown hair. He is powerful of stature and presents a fine and attractive appearance. He stated this afternoon that he had completed his schooling in Los Angeles and prides himself on his ability at ad-

### COMPANY INCORPORATE

And Gypsum Plant at Mound House Will be Enlarged

The Moundhouse Plaster Company owned by local men have incorporated for the amount of \$250,000 and at an early date will begin the enlargement of their plant at Moundhouse and make it one of the biggest propositions of its kind on the coast.

The property owned by the company comprises 360 acres of the deposit from which the plaster is made and instead of being mined as in most cases the gypsum is scraped from the surface of the ground and taken to the mill where it is refined and a first class material manufactured. The demand for this plaster has become so great that an enlargement of the present plant which has cost approximately \$30,000 has become absolutely necessary from a business standpoint.

#### HALEY IN TOWN

James Haley, the new Bullion Tax Collector of the State arrived in this city from Reno this morning and took his oath of office and also assumed the duties of the same.

Mr. Haley stated today that he was going to make the office a revenue getter for the state of Nevada and if such was not the case he didn't want the job. From Haley's past experience in "making good" there is no question as to the final result and the excellency of the appointment.

#### BRULE AND BRIDE ON VISIT

Ule Brule and his bride, formerly Miss Edna Sargeant but became the bride of the Carson young man on last Thursday at her home at Russell, Nevada. The young couple are visiting Mr. Brule's parents in this city for several days. They will leave for Lake Tahoe this week for an outing until the 25th inst when Mr. Brule's leave of absence expires and he will return to Tonopah. Mrs. Brule will remain here for some time and will then take up her home in Tonopah.

The young people are receiving the congratulations of their many friends in Carson City.

#### ROBERTS RETURNS

District Attorney E. E. Roberts who has been spending several days in California, has returned to this city.

#### STODDARD BACK

Attorney General Stoddard who has been attending to legal matters in San Francisco has returned to this city.

dressing an audience and handling a debate. He was a prime mover in the labor agitation in Goldfield and gained quite a reputation through the cleverness he showed in handling the battle for the I. W. W.'s both on the platform and off.

Preston's mother and his niece are at the present time making their home in this city where the mother is working on behalf of her son.

### INDEPENDENT LEAGUE TODAY FILE ARTICLES

Of Incorporation Setting Forth Its Objects as Educational, Social and Political

Articles of incorporation of the Independence League were filed with the Secretary of State this morning. The articles set forth that the organization is for social, educational and political purposes, thus with the last clause escaping the usual fees required from ordinary incorporations.

Continuing the articles set forth that the company will hold conventions public meetings and take part in the state county and national elections, nominate candidates for public office and otherwise show interest in the affairs of the nation.

Thus Hearst and his followers have launched their campaign for recognition of the Independence League in Nevada.

For several weeks George Cole and others have been known to be taking an interest in the matter. They claim that they have a petition signed by 2,000 voters of Nevada and that they have pledged themselves to vote only for nominees of the Independence League.

So far as can be learned the state leaders of the new organization do not intend to work injury to the Democratic party but are anxious to defeat all Republican nominees. It is also understood they are decidedly anxious to register their disapproval of the acts of those who showed undue activity in forcing legislation through the late special session of

the Legislature.

They are avowedly opposed to the re-election of Congressman Bartlett. It is also stated that immediately upon the return of United States Senator Newlands from Denver he will be asked to express his stand on the present Police Bill. If this is unfavorable to the principles of the League, he, too will be slated for slaughter. The League is already opposed to United States Senator Geo. F. Nixon.

Hon. R. S. Skaggs of Elko county, speaker of the Assembly was mentioned a few weeks ago as being the probable candidate of the new party for Congress, but Skaggs lost no time in putting a quietus to this report by declaring that he was and will continue to be a Democrat, first, last and all the time.

There are some who state that an effort will be made to have the new party join the Democrats - putting up a ticket. The League men insist however, that the Democrats must first concede to them the scalp of Congressman Bartlett, whom they declare has betrayed the union men of Nevada who elected him to the office he now holds. Of course there are Democrats in the party who disagree with the Hearst men on this point and it is probable that it will be upon this question that fusion will not be effected.

### TICKET IS NOMINATED

L. Hawkins of This City Nominated For Surveyor General

At Sparks on yesterday the state convention of the Socialists the following ticket was nominated, and the following committees named. Carson City secured one nomination that of Lee Hawkins for Surveyor General:

For Presidential electors, Robert Arthur of Sparks, C. William of Rawhide, Thomas Minor of Winnemucca.

For Congress, C. A. Branch, of Sparks.

For Justice of the Supreme Court E. Lorke.

For University Regent, C. E. Meyer, of Rawhide.

For Surveyor General, L. Hawkins, of Carson City.

The platform committee is W. H. Cordill, of Reno; Judson Harris, of Sparks and W. H. Burton, of Buckskin.

The committee on State Constitution is M. Richter, of Goldfield; Mrs. J. Harris, of Sparks; C. Everett, of Reno; J. Sullivan, of Empire, and Edward Lutz of Lovelock.

The convention was addressed by Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis and a banner, carrying "the aims of Socialism" a series of quotations from an article that appeared in The Journal was ordered provided.

This banner will carry the following:

"THE AIMS OF SOCIALISM"  
"In one word—Anti-waste."  
"In two words—Working Co-operatively."

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Maurice McLoughlin, a Carson raised boy has finally routed everything on the Coast and is now the tennis champion.

The Examiner of Sunday has the following:

McLoughlin by his win of yesterday has now cleaned up the coast on championships. He holds the coast State and city championships and he has earned them all. He is clearly the class of the coast players. There is hardly a fault to be found in his game. He has the best service of any player that has ever been seen out west and his net game is perfect. He can handle beautifully any kind of an over-head ball and places with great accuracy and judgement. In yesterday's contest he had things all his own way in the first and last set, but Long played back to his former form in the second set and it required twenty-two games to decide the winner. In fact Long had a lead up to 10-9, when McLoughlin won three straight games and set. McLoughlin was particularly good on service and won any number of aces. In fact he made three straight aces in one game and his opponent could not get near the ball. Long was as weak on serving as McLoughlin was strong. He made double faults without number, and a great many were at critical points. Both players used splendid head work and placed the balls well, passing each other at the net repeatedly. Long's playing was very erratic and showed he had not kept up his practice as he should. The complete score was 6-2, 12-10, 6-2.

Joe Farnsworth of Virginia City was a visitor yesterday.

The home of Key Pittman of Tonopah was destroyed by fire there Friday. Miss Pittman was severely burned about the hands in her attempt to save the cook.

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